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EAST LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1909

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## IMPARTIAL FINDING ASSURED

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY TO DECIDE NORTH POLE ROW ON ITS MERITS

CONTROVERSY IS DEPLORED

VERDICT WILL BE WITHHELD UNTIL DATA OF EXPLORERS IS SUBMITTED

## PEARY KEEPS ON TALKING

DETAILS HOW HE FLUNG STARS AND STRIPES TO BREEZE OVER COVETED POLE

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 15.—Willis L. Moore, chief of the U. S. Weather Bureau, speaking as president of the National Geographic society said today:

"The Geographical society is absolutely non-partisan in its attitude towards Dr. Fredrick A. Cook and Commander R. E. Peary. It will withhold its verdict until all the data is carefully considered and then make an impartial finding. The attitude of Geodetic board is also neutral. We are pained at the deplorable controversy, for both are intrepid American explorers."

Peary Gives More Details

Battle Harbor, via Wireless, Cape Race, Sept. 15.—Peary today described to an Associated Press correspondent the raising of the flag at the North Pole. The first flag was a silk one, presented him by his wife thirteen years ago and carried on each expedition, a piece being left at the farthest point north each time. He then hoisted the navy ensign flag of the navy league, then the banner of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the flag of peace. Records of the trip and private papers were buried in the ice in a buoyant water-tight box. He took numerous photos which have not yet been developed. He found no revolving winds such as described by other explorers and no earthquakes. He denied the report that he posted a notice of Cook's death on the shores of Greenland, using this as a pretext for taking Cook's supplies. Referring to the reception planned for him on his return to the United States he said:

"From reports received I am both gratified and touched at the way the public has treated my work."

Due in Sydney Saturday

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Peary received a dispatch today saying her husband would not arrive here before the end of the week.

Preparing Banquet For Cook

New York, Sept. 15.—The sale of tickets for a banquet to Dr. Cook at the Waldorf Astoria September 22nd and 23rd are in great demand. They will be limited to 1200 guests.

## COUNCIL FIXES SCHEDULES FOR NEW TAX ORDINANCE

The city council, meeting as a committee of the whole, has finally agreed on the new occupation tax schedules and the same will be turned over to City Attorney Herbert W. Clark upon his return to Las Vegas from Santa Fe. The city counselor will draft an ordinance incorporating the schedules which have been agreed upon and when the ordinance is passed then the new schedules will go into effect and the collection of this tax will be ordered.

While nothing definite is known about the new schedules, it is understood that the city council, acting under authority vested in it by the new territorial law covering this subject, has fixed a tax to be levied on all forms of business occupations. In most instances the tax has been increased, as under the new law but one tax, a city tax, is levied, whereas under the old statute, two taxes, a county and a city tax, were levied.

Inasmuch as but one tax will be levied, increases so as to reach an equitable standard, were necessary. The money collected goes into the city treasury for the improvement of the municipality, hence little opposition is expected to the ordinance when it is passed.

## YOUNG MORGAN ULTIMATE SUCCESSOR OF HARRIMAN

New York, Sept. 15.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., was elected late yesterday afternoon to the late E. H. Harriman's place on the board of directors of the National City bank. By Wall street the election is regarded as one of the most significant of the week's financial developments, presumably indicating that harmonious relations exist between the Morgan and the Kuhn, Loeb-Standard Oil groups. Added weight was given the event because it followed so closely upon reports that the Morgan interests were about to take an active interest in governing the Harriman roads, and that the younger Morgan was slated as the ultimate successor of Mr. Harriman in command of the Union and Southern Pacific railroads.

## DAMAGE TO BLACK ROCK DAM AGGREGATES \$100,000

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 15.—H. F. Robinson, superintendent of irrigation for the Pueblo Indians, who was in the city yesterday, reports that it will take about \$100,000 to repair the damaged Black Rock dam of the government near Zuni, McKinley county. The reservoir still retains enough water in storage to irrigate the crops that will be under ditch next year. The government has not positively announced whether the dam will be rebuilt. Two reclamation service engineers have been examining it the past week.

## SUTTON AUTOPSY DOES NOT DISPROVE SUICIDE

Washington, Sept. 15.—Although the report of Surgeon Spears, of the navy department, who conducted the autopsy on the body of Lieut. James N. Sutton, has not been submitted to the department, it is known that the investigation disclosed nothing inconsistent with the theory of accidental shooting by himself or suicide. The wound in the head was of a character that could have been inflicted by himself without his arm being in an abnormal position.

## RECEIVES SAD NEWS OF MOTHER'S SUDDEN DEATH

J. H. Clary, manager of the Taupert jewelry store on Douglas avenue, received a telegram this morning announcing the sudden death of his mother in Albany, N. Y., the family home. The news was entirely unexpected and came as a great shock to Mr. Clary. An especially sad feature is the fact that because of Mr. Taupert's absence from this city, he now being in Iowa with his wife who is ill, Mr. Clary will be unable to make the trip east to attend the funeral, as there is no one who could assume the responsibility of looking after the jewelry establishment in his absence.

## TAFT SENDS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO DIAZ

Washington, Sept. 15.—President Taft yesterday sent the following congratulatory telegram to President Diaz, of Mexico, on the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday:

"I beg to express to you my cordial congratulations upon your birthday and hope that you may live to enjoy many more and that the country will have the benefit of your patriotic services for many years to come."

## WILL DECIDE NUMEROUS PENNANT RACE REFORMS URGED

PHILADELPHIA AND DETROIT BEGIN CRUCIAL SERIES TOMORROW

INTEREST IS INTENSE CLEARING HOUSE EXAMINERS

TIGERS MUST PLAY FINAL GAMES ON GROUNDS OF CLOSEST RIVAL

TO BE GIVEN FAIR SHOW OTHER NECESSARY LAWS

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SAYS SPECIAL POLICE WILL PRESERVE ORDER

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—The series of games between the Detroit and Philadelphia clubs, which will begin here tomorrow, will decide the pennant in the American league. For that reason these games are exciting intense interest and the local fans are marshaling their strength in order to give the home team every legitimate support to encourage them to victory. Should Philadelphia win every one of the five games of the series, then it would be in a fair way to win the pennant with reasonable good luck in its remaining games.

The excitement over the approaching series is intensified by the spiking recently of Baker, of the Philadelphia team, by Ty Cobb, the star hitter and fielder of the Detroit club. The Philadelphia fans insist that Cobb spiked Baker intentionally with the view of putting him out of the game.

Director of Public Safety Clay today announced that a sufficient detail of police reserves would be on hand at the American League ball park to preserve order and protect the Detroit players both on and off the field, and he assures the visiting team every aid in his power to afford them a fair show in the series. Rowdiness will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

## MESA FARMER MARKETS 1909 CROP OF POTATOES

The first load of potatoes of the 1909 crop, raised on the mesa, was marketed in this city yesterday by Harry Catton, who sold to C. D. Boucher, the grocer, 1,000 pounds of fine potatoes as were ever handled in the local market. A comparison of these potatoes with those shipped in from Colorado shows conclusively that the mesa lands are adapted to the raising of potatoes equal or superior to the famous Greeley product. In order to encourage the mesa farmers in potato raising the local merchants are paying more than the regular market price.

## INCREASE IS ANNOUNCED IN REGISTRATION FEE

Postmaster General Hitchcock has notified postmasters throughout the country, that beginning October 1, 1909, the fee for registering a letter or a package will be 10 cents instead of 8 cents, the present rate. It is claimed by the postoffice department that the deficit in this department last year was \$1,500,000 and the increase in the registration fee is one of the steps taken to cut down this astounding decrease, in an effort to make the postoffice department self-supporting.

## HEIRESS BUYS WOULD-BE KING FOR A HUSBAND

Dingwall, Scotland, Sept. 15.—Miss Anita Stewart, daughter of Mrs. James Henry (Silent) Smith of New York, became the bride of Prince Miguel of Braganza, pretender to the Portuguese throne, here at noon today. The wedding was a brilliant affair.

## ENROLLMENT AT THE NORMAL BREAKS PREVIOUS RECORDS

There were 230 pupils enrolled at the Normal University yesterday. This is an increase of 175 over the opening day three years ago.

There were between 30 and 40 pupils turned away owing to the lack of room to accommodate them.

The faculty is very much pleased with the showing made and looks forward to the most successful year in the history of the institution. The present indications are that there will be fully 75 more enter within the next month.

Pupils stood in line from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening, hoping that a vacancy would occur which would allow them to be admitted, but were at last compelled to go home disappointed. They will be obliged to go to the public schools.

One of the most encouraging signs is the large number of Spanish-American pupils enrolled at the Normal University this year. This department, which is presided over by Miss Aiken opens with about 40 young men, and this number will be largely increased October 1, as many who desire to attend school are unable to do so until after the crops are harvested.

## EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS IN DISTRICT 3

J. M. Martinez, road supervisor in district No. 3, has had a large force of men employed on the Mora road and eight different streets within his jurisdiction, the work of improvement having been about completed for this season.

Two rock culverts have been built on the Mora road, and five rock and cement culverts, and two bridges on the Hot Springs boulevard, besides five miles of streets graded and put in first class condition.

Any one who objects to the payment of the required \$3 road tax might change his mind as to how the money is being expended by going out and inspecting the extent and character of the road work done, particularly in the third district.

## EIGHT TRAINMEN KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—In a head-on collision between a passenger train and a fast freight on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad near Pegram station today, eight men were killed and one seriously injured. The dead were all members of the train crews.

## ELEPHANTS STAMPEDE ON DESERT NEAR PHOENIX

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 15.—Four elephants belonging to a traveling circus, escaped on the desert near here yesterday while being transported from Maricopa to Phoenix on foot. The elephants charged an adobe house occupied by a Mexican woman and six children, but they were captured by their keepers before any serious damage was done.

## JEFFRIES WILL RETURN FROM EUROPE IN OCTOBER

New York, Sept. 15.—Letters from James J. Jeffries announce that he will return from Europe about October 1 and then complete his arrangements for a go with Jack Johnson. Jeffries says he has been much benefited by the German baths.

## JEW OF LAS VEGAS WILL OBSERVE THEIR NEW YEAR

This evening at sundown begins the year 5870 according to the Hebrew calendar. Beginning then and lasting for two days until Friday night, the Jews throughout the world will celebrate their new year, or "Rosh Hashohna," as it is called in Hebrew. The reformed Jews observe only one day, while the orthodox Jews celebrate the two days.

The Jewish New Year, like that of their Gentile neighbors, is celebrated with rejoicing and brings with it the usual "good resolutions" and turning over a new leaf. Nevertheless it is essentially a religious holiday and will be observed with prayers by the

## PRESIDENT HEADS FOR WEST

LEFT BOSTON THIS MORNING FOR ALBANY IN A SPECIAL TRAIN

CHICAGO HIS NEXT STOP

FORCED TO MAKE BRIEF SPEECHES ALONG WAY FROM CAR PLATFORM

IN EXCELLENT SPIRITS

GIVEN GREAT OVATION IN HUB CITY WHERE HE WAS GUEST AT BIG BANQUET

Boston, Sept. 15.—Well tanned by the sea breeze while enjoying a partial rest at the summer capital at Beverly for the past five weeks, President Taft today began his 13,000 mile tour of the west and south, when he left Boston early this morning on a special train bound for Albany, the first lap of his far western tour.

The president began his speech-making tour last night at a banquet given him by the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and devoted most of his address to explaining the new tariff bill. He was given a great ovation by the people of this city. Two thousand guests attended the banquet, which was held at Mechanic's hall.

The president's next notable address will be delivered tomorrow in Chicago, where he will be all day and night. The president is looking forward with keen delight to his long journey, in which he will meet thousands of people and proclaim the purposes of the Taft administration in numerous speeches. The president is in excellent health, buoyant spirits and fine voice.

Speaks at Worcester  
Worcester, Mass., Sept. 15.—At a brief stop shortly before noon, President Taft addressed a mammoth crowd from the rear platform of his special train. He was given a royal welcome.

## LOCAL CARTOONIST MAY RIVAL HOMER DAVENPORT

C. H. Stewart, a clerk at Boucher's grocery and provision store, is following in the footsteps of Thomas Nast and Homer Davenport in that he has drawn a cartoon which is expressive enough of his individual views of North Pole matters as they stand at the present moment, though subject to change at any time.

The cartoon may be placed on exhibition in a window of the coffee roaster, though the modesty of Mr. Stewart may be said to have almost become a proverb and then he is fearful that some mischievous person who does not think as he does regarding the respective claims of Messrs Cook and Peary may be tempted to hurl a rock through the window at it.

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